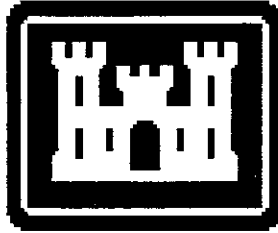


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**Draft
Environmental Impact Statement
For
Proposed Destination Broadwater Project
Biloxi, Mississippi**

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Cooperating Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service
U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
Mississippi Department of Transportation
Mississippi Secretary of State

Abstract: Pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.5, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District is the lead Federal agency for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Department of the Army Permit entitled "Proposed Destination Broadwater Project, Biloxi, Mississippi". On August 18, 1998, President Casinos, LLC submitted a Joint Permit Application and Notification to the US Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for the Destination Broadwater project. The proposed action involves the redevelopment and construction of a large-scale casino destination resort at the existing Broadwater Resort and President Casino adjacent to US Highway 90 in Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi. Based on a review of the level of impacts associated with the proposed action, the Mobile District published a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on May 11, 1999. The Draft EIS provides a comprehensive environmental analysis to aid in the decision-making process to deny or approve the Department of the Army permit for the proposed Destination Broadwater Project. Eight Federal and state agencies as listed above are designated as cooperating agencies as defined in 40 CFR 1501.6. As cooperating agencies, they ensure that the EIS contains all the information required by appropriate Federal and state legislation for their decision-making processes.

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